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**Abstract:** The Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD) of blasting seismic wave monitoring signal with noise can get IMFs with serious mode confusion and divergent end points. The Hilbert transform is constrained by the Bedrosian theorem, when it dealing with such IMFs will get negative instantaneous frequency, which leads to serious error in the identification of non-electric millisecond detonator initiation delay. EP-CEEMDAN-INHT is proposed and applied to the delay analysis of blasting network of deep buried diversion tunnel crossing fault zone. Comparing EP-CEEMDAN-INHT with EMD-HHT, it is found that EP-CEEMDAN-INHT can clearly display the time-frequency information contained in the measured blasting vibration signal, and EMD mode confusion and endpoint effect are well suppressed. The actual millisecond time interval obtained by EP-CEEMDAN-INHT can judge whether the detonator is in normal service. At the same time, the blasting millisecond interval with the best damping effect is 54.51ms to 59.75ms, which can realize the optimization of blasting network and has important practical significance for blasting safety control.

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## 1 Introduction

The time delay error caused by the detonation of non-electric millisecond detonator will gradually accumulate with the development of the blasting process, resulting in a big discrepancy between the actual delay and the theoretical design delay[1-2]. The millisecond delay initiation network with a reasonable design can partially offset interference of the blasting seismic waves, thereby reducing the damage of the surrounding rocks [3]. Therefore, it is very important to set a reasonable time interval for deep tunnels with complex geological conditions and easy to cause water and mud gushing during construction. The identification of delay time interval of non-electric millisecond detonator in actual construction is helpful to test the reliability of detonator used in blasting and the rationality of initiation network design, and to optimize blasting design parameters [4-5].

At present, a large number of scholars have researched identification method of blasting network delay, and the main researches are concentrated in two aspects. Wavelet analysis and traditional EMD-HHT[6], in which wavelet analysis overly relies on prior basis functions[7]. The traditional EMD-HHT has problems such as endpoint effect and modal confusion[8], which affects the analysis accuracy to a certain extent. Its improved algorithm EEMD-HHT can suppress EMD modal confusion to a certain extent, and cannot prove that the artificially introduced white noise has been completely eliminated, the completeness and authenticity of signal is affected [9].

Aiming at this phenomenon, this paper introduces the EP-CEEMDAN-INHT algorithm, which can simultaneously suppress the endpoint effect and modal confusion existing in EMD and improve the accuracy of

43 blasting network delay recognition. EP-CEEMDAN-INHT is completed in three steps, The first step is to  
 44 perform endpoint processing on the blasting seismic wave monitoring signals obtained from actual construction;  
 45 The second step performs CEEMDAN on the signal of the "first step" ;The third step is to obtain the normalized  
 46 IMF through INHT. The envelope of IMF with the largest energy proportion is extracted to obtain the high-  
 47 precision delay identification result of blasting network. According to the identification result, the signal  
 48 separation technology is used to obtain the optimal millisecond time interval of damping effect, so as to realize  
 49 the delay optimization of blasting network.

## 50 2 The principle of endpoint processing

51 The principle of Intrinsic Mode Function (IMF) generation is to calculate the local mean value of the  
 52 signal based on the upper and lower envelopes. The upper (lower) envelope is obtained from the local maximum  
 53 (small) value of the signal through cubic spline interpolation. However, the endpoints of the signal cannot be at  
 54 the maximum or minimum at the same time, and there are situations where the endpoints are not extreme points.  
 55 In these two cases, cubic spline interpolation cannot be performed, so the envelope will diverge at the endpoints  
 56 [10].The authenticity of the IMF is affected.

57 Through waveform matching, a wavelet with the highest matching degree with the end point data is found  
 58 in the signal, and the wavelet is moved to the end point for decomposition, which can realize end point  
 59 processing. Take the processing of the left end of the signal as an example. First, find the time when all the  
 60 maximum points of the signal occur, denoted as  $t_{max1}, t_{max2}, \dots, t_{maxi}(i=1,2,3\dots M)$ , and the corresponding  
 61 amplitude is denoted as  $x_{max1}, x_{max2}, \dots, x_{maxi}(i=1,2,3\dots M)$ , in the same way, find the moment when all the  
 62 minimum points of the signal occur, denoted as  $t_{min1}, t_{min2}, \dots, t_{mini}(i=1,2,3\dots N)$ , the corresponding amplitudes  
 63 are denoted as  $y_{min1}, y_{min2}, \dots, y_{mini}(i=1,2,3\dots N)$ , the specific steps are as follows.

64 Step 1: Take a time series including  $(t_{max1}, x_{max1})$  and  $(t_{min1}, y_{min1})$  and record it as  $l_0$ , where  $l_0$  contains  $k$   
 65 sampling points;

66 Step 2: Divide the original signal into  $n$  time series with  $k$  sampling points, and record them as  $l_1 l_2 l_3 \dots l_i \dots l_n$   
 67 ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ );

68 Step 3: According to equation (1), choose the  $l_i$  corresponding to the minimum value of  $\xi$ , and the matching  
 69 degree of  $l_i$  and  $l_0$  is the highest;

$$70 \quad \xi = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k (l_0 - l_j)^2}}{k} \quad (1)$$

$$x_{max1} - y_{min1}$$

71 Step 4: Shift the time series of  $2k$  sampling points composed of  $l_i$  and  $l_{i-1}$  to the position of  $l_0$  to realize the  
 72 left Endpoint Processing (EP).

## 73 3 The principle of CEEMDAN

74 Complete Ensemble Empirical Mode Decomposition with Adaptive Noise (CEEMDAN) adds finite times  
 75 of adaptive white noise in each stage of decomposition, which can achieve almost zero reconstruction error with  
 76 less average times [11-12]. The specific steps are as follows:

77 Step 1: Add the adaptive white noise  $B^j(t)$  to the signal  $S(t)$  after the endpoint processing in the second  
 78 section, where  $j$  is the number of times to add the noise, generally 50-100 times [13], 60 times in this paper. Then  
 79 the signal of the  $j$ th order can be expressed as  $S(t) = S(t) + \alpha_j B^j(t) (j=1,2,3\dots 60)$ , Where  $\alpha$  is the standard deviation of  
 80 the  $j$ th white noise addition. For the IMF1 obtained by CEEMDAN, see equation (2), the remainder  $R_1(t) = S(t) -$   
 81 IMF1.

$$82 \quad IMF1 = \frac{1}{60} \sum_{j=1}^{60} IMF1_j \quad (2)$$



118 
$$\theta(t) = \arctan \frac{\text{Hilbert}[f_d(t)]}{f_d(t)} \quad (8)$$

119 The instantaneous frequency  $\omega(t)$  can be obtained by deriving  $\theta(t)$ . The expression of  $\omega(t)$  is shown in  
 120 equation (9).

121 
$$\omega(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} \quad (9)$$

122 Through five steps, the Improved Normalized Hilbert Transform (INHT) is realized. At this time, the  
 123 instantaneous frequency is obtained by the frequency modulation component of IMF. After normalization, the  
 124 Hilbert transform is no longer limited by Bedrosian theorem, and the obtained instantaneous frequency is more  
 125 authentic.

126 **5 Application of EP-CEEMDAN-INHT in delay analysis of blasting network for deep buried diversion**  
 127 **tunnel crossing fault zone**

128 Taking the blasting excavation project of a diversion tunnel in Fujian Province as the research object, the  
 129 total length of the diversion tunnel is 13.842km, and the main geological structure of the area is fault. According  
 130 to the survey report, there are more than 20 faults along the tunnel, mainly tensile faults, with a width of 2~6m  
 131 and a wide fracture zone on both sides. The geological conditions are complex and changeable, and there are  
 132 several major technical problems in the construction process, such as water gushing, geothermal, rock burst and  
 133 so on. Among them, large-scale continuous water inrush is the biggest technical difficulty.

134 The diversion tunnel is formed by smooth millisecond blasting with non-electric millisecond detonator. The  
 135 actual delay time of non-electric millisecond detonator blasting is calculated by EP-CEEMDAN-INHT to judge  
 136 whether the performance of the corresponding batch of detonators meets the design requirements. According to  
 137 the analysis results, the blasting network is optimized, and the millisecond time with the best damping effect is  
 138 calculated according to the principle of waveform decomposition and superposition, so as to minimize the  
 139 damage of blasting seismic wave to surrounding rock and reduce the risk of water gushing and mud bursting  
 140 due to blasting construction.

141 Figure 1 is the schematic diagram of the blast holes layout of the diversion tunnel. The TC-4850 intelligent  
 142 blasting vibration meter is used to arrange the measuring points along the tunnel axis to avoid the damage of the  
 143 instrument by flying stones. The No.1 measuring point is set 50m away from the blasting source, and the  
 144 remaining four points are separated by 5m, 10m and 40m in turn. The time history curve of the measured  
 145 blasting vibration signal obtained by on-site monitoring is shown in Figure 2.

146 In the actual construction, multiple detonations will be designed according to the specific working  
 147 conditions. When each detonator detonates, it is bound to produce a certain range of mutation on its time history  
 148 curve, which can be considered as the superposition of energy. The envelope of typical IMF components is  
 149 solved by INHT, and the time interval corresponding to each mutation peak is calculated, which is the actual  
 150 network delay time parameter.

151 Considering that the signal decomposed by EP-CEEMDAN algorithm will get multiple IMF components,  
 152 each IMF carries certain time-frequency energy information of blasting seismic wave signal. The IMF  
 153 component with the highest energy proportion can reflect the detailed information of time-frequency energy  
 154 contained in the blasting seismic wave monitoring signal to the greatest extent. The amplitude envelope curve of  
 155 the component is extracted by INHT. The time node corresponding to the envelope peak point represents the  
 156 superposition of the energy of each section of the blasting network, and also represents the actual initiation time  
 157 point of the section. The actual network delay time can be obtained by calculating the difference between the  
 158 time nodes corresponding to two adjacent peaks.

159 Therefore, the time history curve in Figure. 2 is decomposed by EP-CEEMDAN algorithm to obtain the  
 160 IMF component as shown in Figure. 3. By observing Figure. 3, it can be found that the IMF components are  
 161 arranged from high frequency to low frequency, and the phenomena of EMD mode confusion and endpoint  
 162 divergence are effectively suppressed. Then, INHT is performed for each IMF component to calculate the actual

163 IMF energy and its proportion in the total signal energy. The relevant calculation results are shown in Table 1.

164 In order to highlight that EP-CEEMDAN-INHT algorithm can effectively improve the extraction accuracy  
165 of blasting seismic wave time-frequency parameters, and realize the suppression of EMD endpoint effect and  
166 modal confusion, EMD is performed on the signal in Figure 2, and the results shown in Figure 4 are obtained.  
167 By observing Figure 4, it can be found that IMF1 and IMF2 are the noises that cannot be removed in the  
168 detection. IMF3, IMF4, IMF5 and IMF6 are the key frequency bands. The high frequency mode of IMF3 is  
169 confused seriously. IMF4 is relatively stable, but there is modal confusion around 0.35s. The left end of IMF5  
170 diverges. IMF6 tends to low frequency in 0.3-0.55s. The right end of IMF7 diverges. Mode splitting occurs in  
171 IMF8 and IMF9.

172 Compared with Figure 3 and Figure 4, the following conclusions can be drawn: the decomposition results  
173 of EP-CEEMDAN algorithm can clearly show the signal frequency information contained in the measured  
174 blasting vibration data, clearly distinguish the high frequency, medium frequency and low frequency, the modal  
175 confusion caused by noise signal and the endpoint effect of the algorithm itself are well suppressed. The  
176 unprocessed IMF component will not only lose the real blasting seismic wave detail information, but also  
177 reduce the accuracy of time-frequency extraction. The instantaneous frequency obtained by Hilbert transform of  
178 IMF component obtained by EMD may not have practical physical significance. Therefore, it is necessary to  
179 suppress the endpoint effect and modal confusion of EMD. Through the endpoint effect and modal confusion  
180 suppression, the decomposition accuracy of IMF will be improved, and the IMF with clearer physical meaning  
181 will be obtained.

182 By observing Table 1, it can be found that the IMF component with the largest blasting energy is IMF2.  
183 The envelope of IMF2 is extracted and the envelope line as shown in Figure 5.

184 Observing Figure 5, we can find 5 obvious peaks at 0.0471s, 0.0734s, 0.1463s, 0.2037s and 0.2886s  
185 respectively, which indicates that the blasting is composed of 5 blasting seismic waves. Observing the holes  
186 layout of the blasting network of the diversion tunnel in Figure 1, we can find that the blasting is also divided  
187 into 5 sections, which reflects the accuracy of the actual millisecond time calculated by EP-CEEMDAN-INHT  
188 algorithm.

189 Taking the first peak time as the initiation time of the first detonator, the actual millisecond time of each  
190 detonator initiation can be calculated as 26.30ms, 72.90ms, 57.40ms and 84.90ms respectively, which is  
191 compared with the theoretical delay time interval of blasting network design in the detonator specification table  
192 given in the construction organization design, and the comparison results are listed in Table 2.

193 By observing Table 2, it can be found that the actual millisecond time calculated based on EP-CEEMDAN-  
194 INHT algorithm is within the theoretical millisecond time interval in the detonator specification table provided  
195 by the manufacturer, which indicates that the performance of this batch of detonators used in this blasting is  
196 reliable and can ensure the smooth progress of millisecond blasting of diversion tunnel. Further observation of  
197 Figure 5 shows that there is little difference in the amplitude of seismic wave in 5 sections of this blasting.  
198 According to MATLAB programming, the measured blasting vibration signal in Figure 5 is divided into five sub  
199 signals. Assuming that the waveform amplitude and frequency of each sub signal are roughly the same, the  
200 signal shown in Fig. 6 can be used to replace each sub signal [15].

201 The reasonable time interval of millisecond is determined by the method of disturbance reduction, which  
202 can greatly reduce the damage of blasting vibration. The signals shown in Fig. 6 are superposed with different  
203 millisecond time, and the corresponding diagram of peak vibration velocity and millisecond time of superposed  
204 signals is obtained as shown in Figure 7.

205 By observing Figure 7, it can be found that different millisecond time has great influence on blasting  
206 vibration intensity. When the millisecond time is less than 2.86ms, the five sub signals are sent at one time, and  
207 the blasting vibration effect reaches the maximum. At this time, the amplitude is the result of the superposition  
208 of the five sub signals. When the millisecond time is 54.51 ~ 59.75ms, the amplitude of millisecond blasting is  
209 the smallest and the damping effect is the best. When the millisecond time interval is between 2.86ms and  
210 120.83ms, the peak value of vibration velocity increases or weakens in varying degrees after the superposition  
211 of five sub signals, which is the result of interference between the sub signals. When the micro difference time is  
212 more than 120.83ms, it can be found that there is not much difference between the peak value of the

213 superimposed signal and the peak value of the sub signal. It shows that the superposition signal is equivalent to  
214 the result of each component signal acting alone, which explains why the single hole continuous initiation of the  
215 electronic detonator has a good damping effect [16].

216 To sum up, the most reasonable millisecond time of non-electric millisecond detonator initiation in this  
217 project is 54.51ms ~ 59.75ms and the millisecond blasting with this millisecond time has the smallest peak  
218 vibration velocity and the best damping effect. The actual millisecond time obtained by EP-CEEMDAN-INHT  
219 algorithm corresponds to the designed blasting section of the initiation network one by one, which reflects that  
220 the actual millisecond time obtained by EP-CEEMDAN-INHT algorithm is scientific and authentic. Comparing  
221 the calculated actual millisecond time with the theoretical delay time of detonator provided by the manufacturer,  
222 we can judge whether the detonator is in normal service during construction, which has important practical  
223 significance for blasting safety control.

## 224 6 Conclusions

225 (1) The decomposition results of EP-CEEMDAN algorithm can clearly display the signal frequency information  
226 contained in the measured blasting vibration data, clearly distinguish the high frequency, medium frequency and  
227 low frequency, and suppress the modal confusion caused by noise signal and the endpoint effect of the  
228 algorithm itself.

229 (2) The instantaneous frequency obtained by INHT is obtained by the frequency modulation component of IMF,  
230 which is no longer limited by Bedrosian theorem, and the obtained instantaneous frequency is more authentic.

231 (3) The actual millisecond time of non-electric millisecond detonator based on EP-CEEMDAN-INHT algorithm  
232 is within the theoretical millisecond time in the detonator specification table provided by the manufacturer,  
233 which shows that the detonator used in this blasting is reliable and in normal service condition in actual blasting  
234 construction, and can ensure the smooth progress of millisecond blasting of diversion tunnel.

235 (4) The most reasonable millisecond time of non-electric millisecond detonator initiation in the diversion tunnel  
236 is 54.51ms ~ 59.75ms, and the blasting construction with this millisecond time has the smallest signal peak  
237 vibration velocity and the best damping effect.

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# Figures

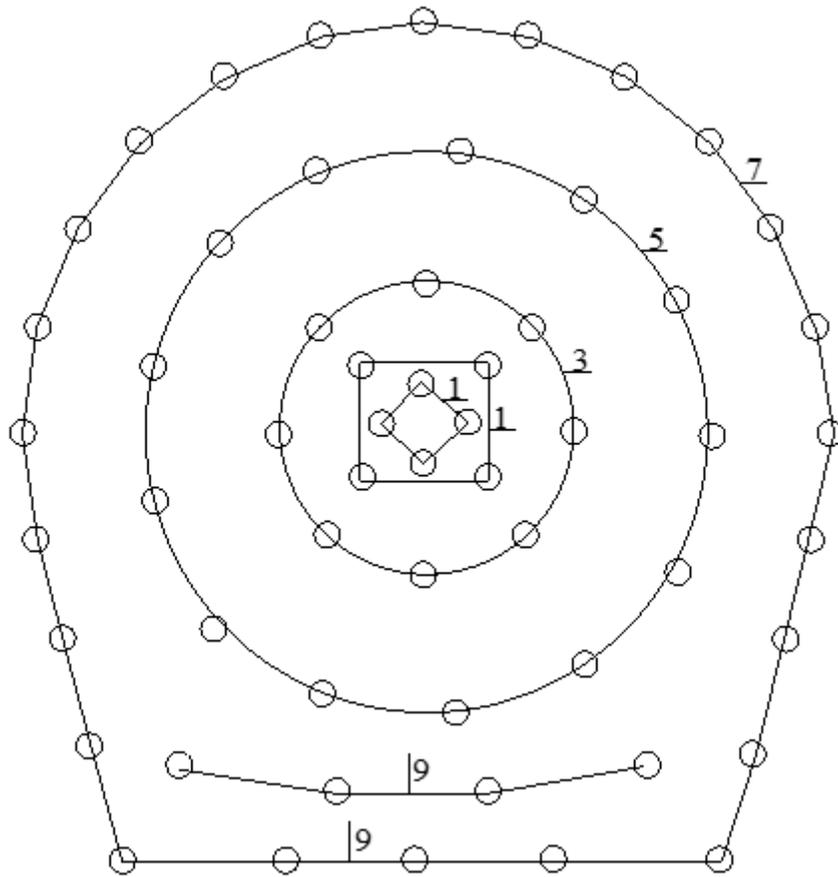


Figure 1

Layout of blasting network holes of diversion tunnel

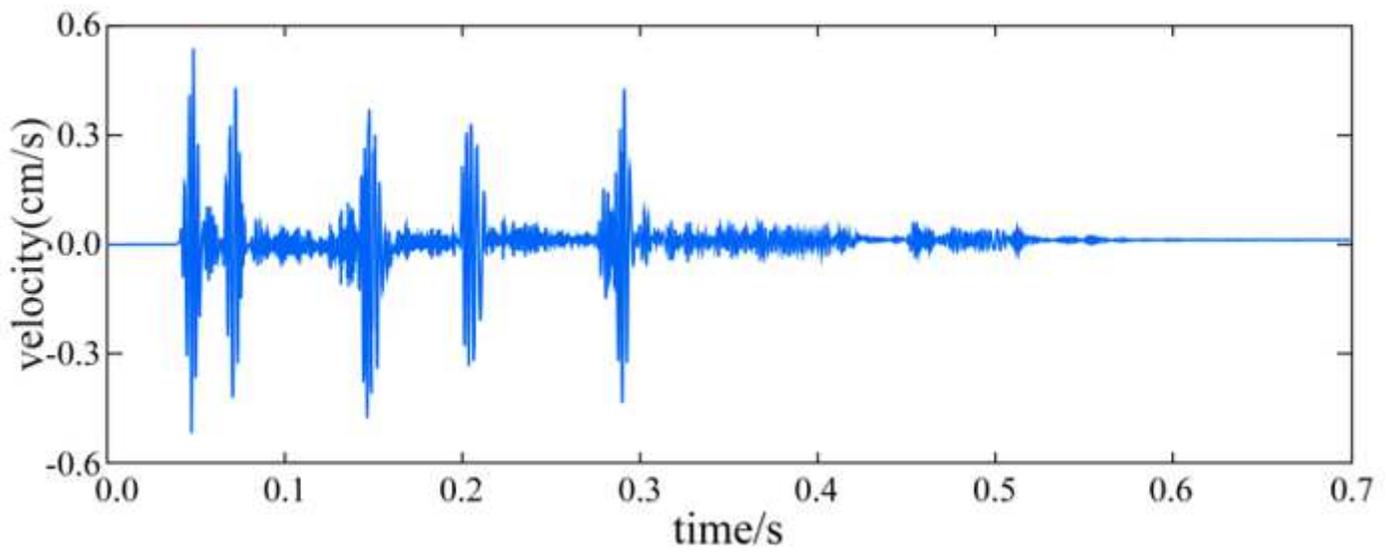


Figure 2

The decomposition results of  $Sms(t)$

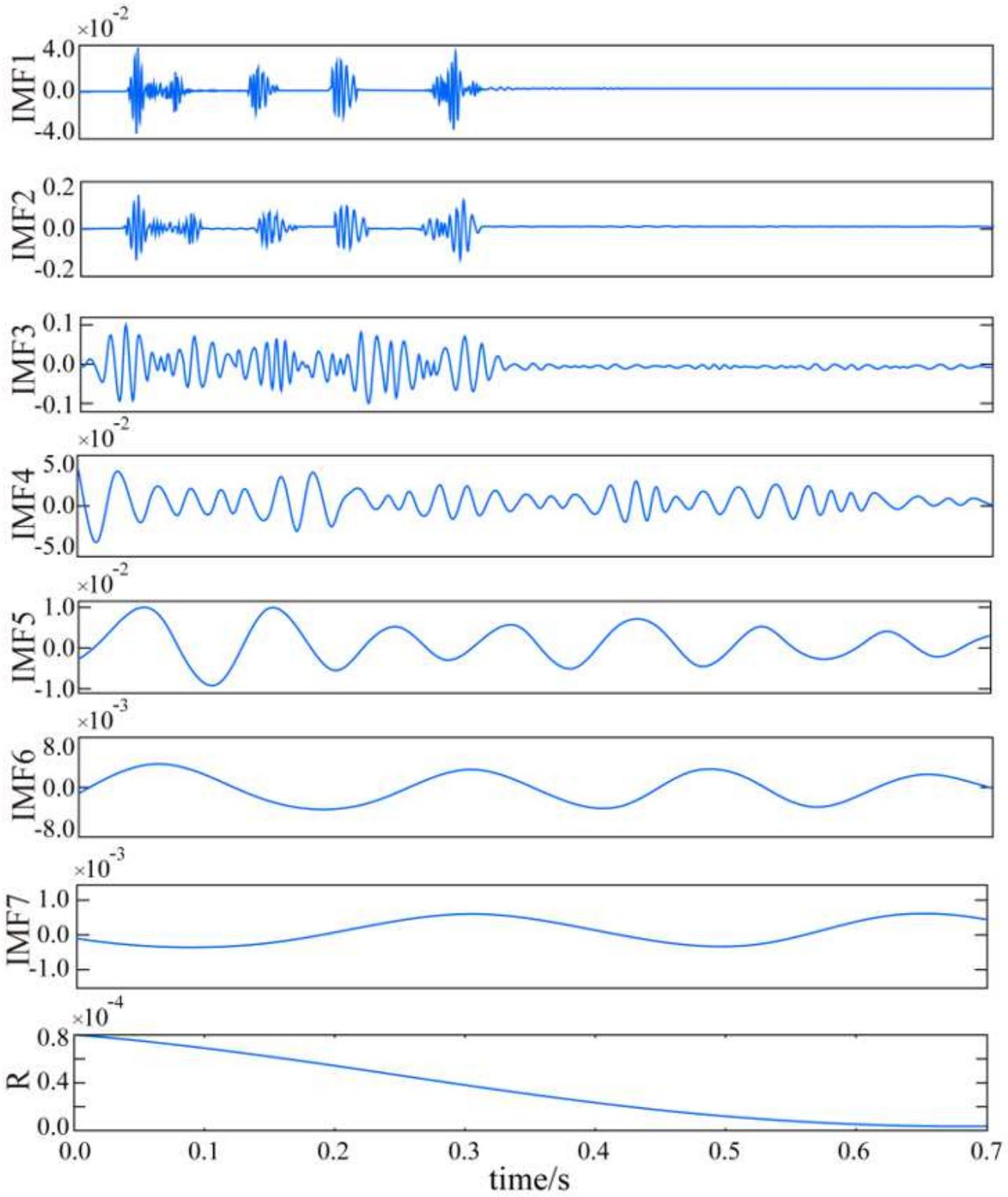
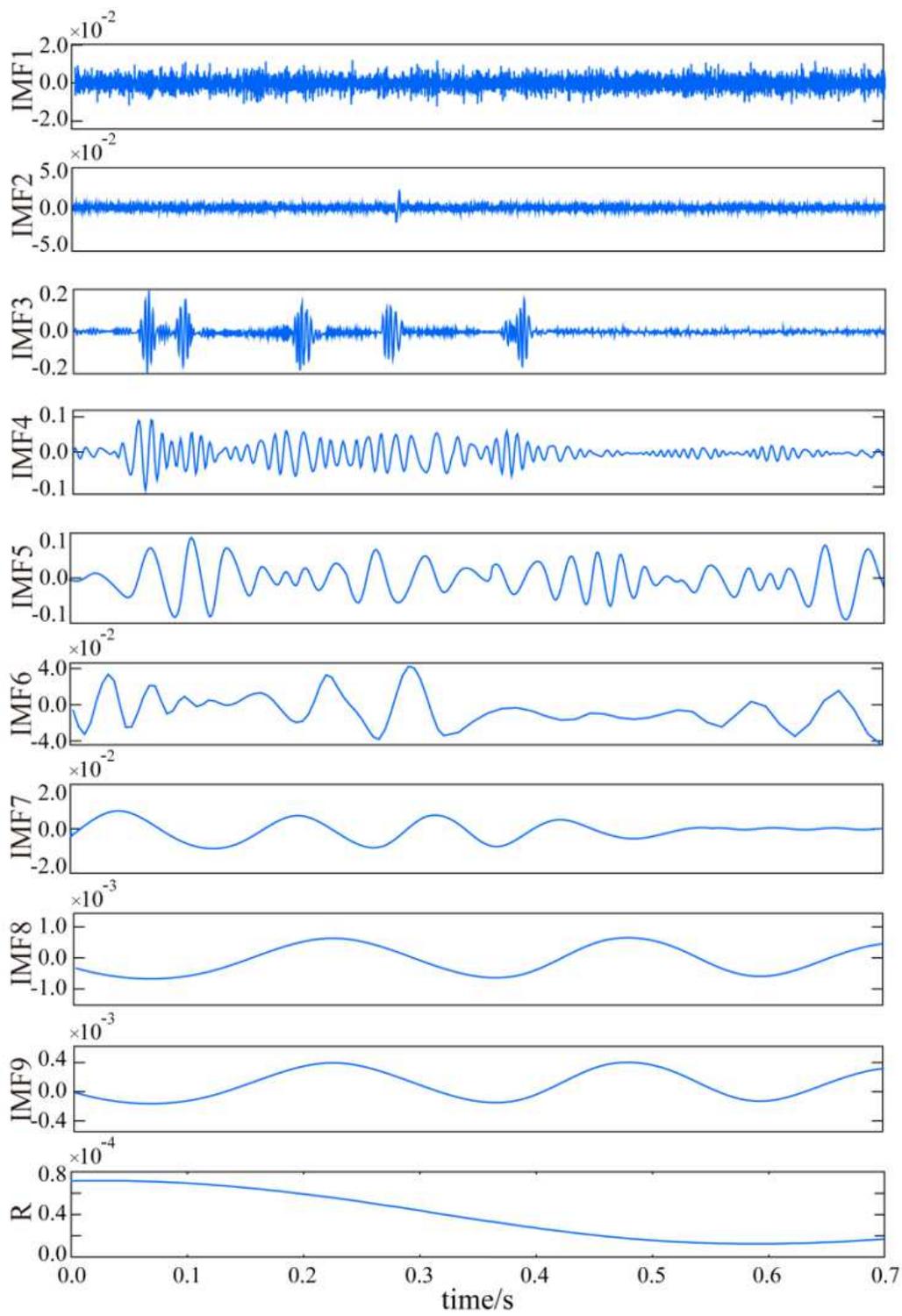


Figure 3

The marginal spectra of each IMF of  $Sms(t)$



**Figure 4**

IMF based on EMD algorithm

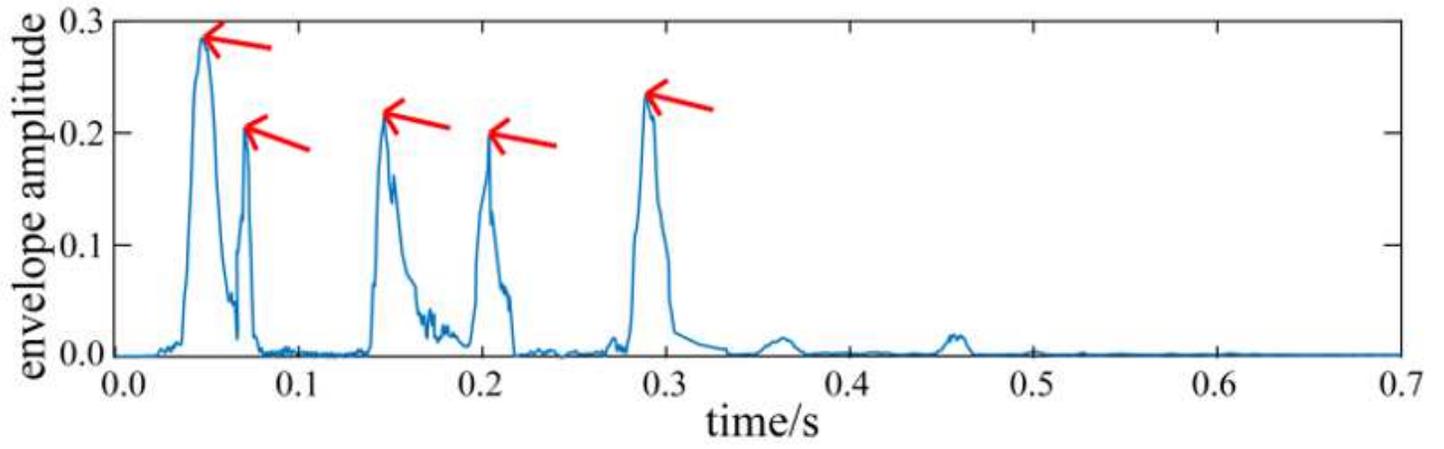


Figure 5

Envelope of IMF2

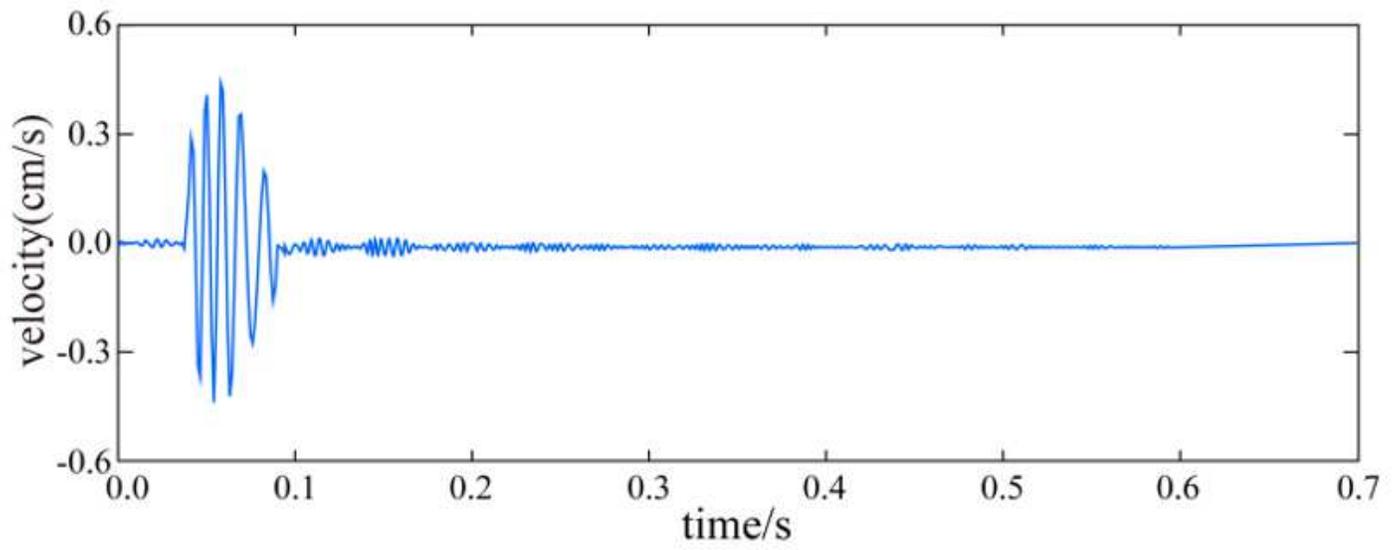
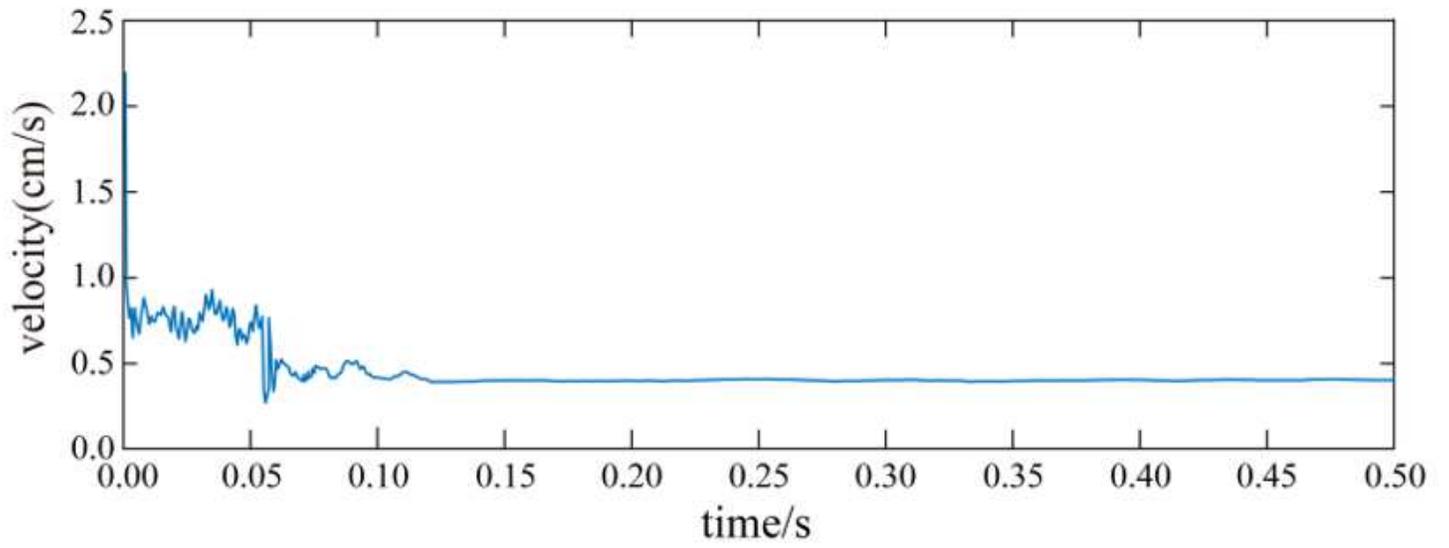


Figure 6

Time history curve of sub signal velocity



**Figure 7**

Velocity peaks corresponding to different millisecond time